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TRAVEL DUE TO VARIATIONS IN THE LAYER  
THICKNESS OR NUMBER OF LAYERS IN MULTI-  
LAYER PIEZOELECTRIC ELEMENTS

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Enclosed herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is an Amendment.

Applicants respectfully request a two-month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed October 20, 2004, for which a three month response period expiring on January 20, 2005, was set. The two month extended period expires on March 20, 2005.

Please charge the extension fee of \$450.00, and any additional fees that may be required, to **Deposit Account No. 11-0600**. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

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